AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the amended Abstract attached to the amendment.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 19, with following amended paragraph:

As previously explained, the assignment message is used to notify such assignment message to the apparatus on the opposite side of the [[barer]] bearer, namely how each of the trunk channels is assigned to the bearer circuit. In order to save the capacity of the message channel, only changing information about the assignment condition is notified as this assignment message. As a consequence, in such a case that there are large change amounts, for example, in the case that a large number of trunk channels are transmitted from silent states to active states at the same time, there is a certain possibility that some channels would wait for assignments to bearer circuits.